

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Year 2 Newsletter



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

“DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL”

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Children,

Welcome back

CURRICULUM:

We start the term off with our topic ‘Are you ready to explore?’ In this exciting topic the children will be reading and writing about ‘The Owl and the Pussycat’. They will retell stories and have the opportunity to redraft their work as well as describe characters and settings. The children will be finding out about different famous explorers. The overall theme for the second half term is ‘Would you help the little red hen?’. The children will be learning all about traditional tales. We will find out about characters from a range of traditional stories. Our first Science topic is ‘changing shape’ and we will be learning about how materials can bend and stretch etc. Our second topic is ‘growing plants’ and we will be exploring the suitability of where different animals live.

This term we have lots of exciting events planned for the children. We will have an ‘explorer’ WOW day in the first half of the term and an important parent meeting regarding our very exciting camping trip. There will also be a mass and class assembly which we would love you to come and join in with. **Please see the list of dates at the end of our letter for key events this term to avoid missing out on these wonderful opportunities.**

HOMEWORK:

Thank you for your support with homework tasks. It was lovely to read your child’s diary and we look forward to your continuing support this term.

Children who read a minimum of five times a week will be rewarded with a sticker in their personal organiser.

We will have a weekly spelling test on Monday. Your child’s spellings are in their organiser.

Each term the children will be tested on spelling the first 100 and next 200 words. Please revise these throughout the year.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday.

Children may also be given tasks related to other subjects to complete at home.

P.E:

Our main P.E. session is on Monday. This term we will be doing ball skills and team sports. **Please check that every item of P.E. kit is marked with your child’s name. If necessary staff will label with a marker.**

READING SUPPORT:

The children really love reading and sharing their books with visitors. We are always looking for new volunteers in school so please let us know if you can spare any time. We also welcome Grandparents!

UNIFORM:

The children have come back to school looking really smart and we would like this to continue through the year. Please ensure your child only wears brown or black hair bands/clips/bobbles in their hair. Remember **no fashion hair styles** and no earrings. As the weather gets warmer, girls can wear yellow checked summer dresses with white socks. Boys can wear grey shorts in the warmer months too. Also can you make sure they have the correct P.E. kit in school ready for the exciting lessons we have planned.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please support your child by reading with them on a daily basis and helping them with their spellings, and first 100 words which are listed in the yellow reading organisers. The children will get a sticker for their personal organiser if they read at least 5 times a week at home! Please practice number bonds and tables. Talk to your child about their day and regularly check their organiser for messages. You could visit your local library for books related to our topics. Encourage your children to go onto Mathletics as much as possible to earn points. This is a fantastic way to develop your child's mathematical skills. If possible can you provide your child with an old shirt which they can use to protect their clothing during art and DT.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child during this busy and important year in their lives. Please avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible as it is very difficult for the children to catch up on the work they have missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th January 3:30 – **Camp parents meeting** – Please attend this meeting if you would like your child to attend our local one-night camping trip to Wollaton park on Thursday 7th June. We will be explaining what the camp involves and sharing the itinerary with you. This meeting is the opportunity for parents to fill out relevant medical and dietary information forms. *If you do not attend and complete the form, we cannot take your child to the camp.*

16th January 1:45 - **New year mass** – this will be in the hall and will be led by year 2 children. All parents are welcome.

19th January – **WOW day (Are you ready to explore?)** – On this day children will need to wear their school uniform. We will be doing lots of exploration activities based on this term's topic.

13nd February – **Trip to Clumber park** – more information to follow via separate letters

14th February – **Ash Wednesday**

16th February – **Fitness Friday** – don't forget your fitness clothes

2nd March – **World book day** – more information to follow

8th March – **2AB class assembly** – Our class assembly will be based on World Book Day. Please come and support us. More information to follow.

14th and 15th March 3:30 – 6:00 – **Parents' evening** – When you receive your parents evening letter, please return the slip to your child's teacher as soon as possible to get your preferred slot. Appointments will be given on a first come first served basis.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

Year 2 team

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